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Dear Brother Juniors:

While your State Councilor writes this article, the National Council Session is being held in Providence, R. I. There will in attendance at this session members and representatives of the National Council from thirty-two States of the Union. This is the fifty-second regular, and fifteenth biennial session of the National Council to legislate for the best interest of our dear Order. South Carolina will be well represented at this Convention by some of our most outstanding past State Councilors. Although there will be many resolutions and statutes proposed for consideration of the Convention, it is thought that only conservative measures will ^{be} passed and no drastic legislation adopted. The same principles for which the Junior Order has stood throughout the years are still progressive and sound and we are safe in supporting them today and not varying greatly from the noble ideals on which the Junior Order was founded.

I wish to call to the attention of our members that many immigration laws are being considered by the Congress of the United States which is still in session. As forward-looking citizens and true Juniors we should encourage our Senators and Congressmen to oppose any Bill to lower the gaps of immigration. A Bill was introduced in the Illinois Legislature some time back providing for "the registration of all aliens who failed to file a Declaration of Citizenship or, having filed the Declaration, failed to apply for second papers within five years". The main object of this Bill is to reach the alien who has come into this country through evasion of the ^{Immigration} ~~emigration~~ laws and to whom can be traced much of the disturbance and discord growing out of the Communistic propaganda among the ignorant and unthinking people. It would probably be more desirable if such a Bill were passed by Congress and made ^{Nation} ~~State~~-wide in its effect, however, strange as it seems, a measure providing for registration of aliens through which means those illegally here could

be detected failed, of enactment by Congress several years back. I think it would be well for each member of the Junior Order to contact his Congressman and urge the passage by Congress of a Bill similar to the one that has been introduced in the Illinois Legislature, as in the absence of a Federal Registration Law, the alien who illegally entered here can go from States having such a law to other States and a great majority of them who entered here illegally can escape detection. Aliens here illegally would naturally oppose bitterly such a Bill, as they know that in filing a Declaration of Citizenship Intention it would be necessary for them to disclose the fact of their illegal entrance, but the alien who is here legally should not oppose such a Bill as he could take the necessary steps to acquire citizenship. We certainly do not need the burden of employment increased by further immigration at this time, whether legal or illegal, as some time back it was reported that we had 10,000,000 persons unemployed in America and possibly 20,000,000 persons on relief rolls. We need more stringent restriction of ~~immigration~~ ^{emigration} and it behooves each member of the Junior Order throughout this land to contact his Congressman and Senators and urge enactment of such laws as will accomplish this purpose.

Federal funds to aid unemployable persons will be discontinued in this State July 1st, 1935. I am informed that there are approximately 9,000 relief cases in our State which are termed unemployables, that is, persons who from physical disabilities or other acceptable causes are unable to work and earn the necessities of life. Since these cases are found in practically every community in the State of South Carolina, and some may be members of the Junior Order, I wish to appoint each member of our Order a committee of one to see that no Brother of ours suffers as a result of the action of the Federal Government in discontinuing this aid for direct relief. The Judiors in each community should investigate

these unemployables and take every precaution possible to alleviate suffering, and especially among any members of our Order who might happen to be in the group spoken above. To help a member of the Order when in need is not only a part of our obligation, but a splendid ideal to which we should all adhere, and I feel certain that our members will allow no good Brother to suffer during this emergency.

Your State Councilor attended a District meeting in District No. 3 in Newberry on Thursday night, June 6th last. Brother R. A. Mosteller, District Deputy, had arranged a splendid meeting and a large number of representatives in the District were present. One feature of the meeting was ^{an excellent} ~~a splendid~~ address by Brother B. V. Chapman, Senator from Newberry County. Your State Councilor had the pleasure of instituting a new Council at Ninety Six on Saturday night, June 8th last. A good meeting was held and we predict great work will be done by this new Council.

Faternally yours,

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